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TO : Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

DATE: 5 January 1959

FROM : Chief, Electronic Equipment Branch, ORR

SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report, December, 1958

1. Status of Branch Projects:

- a) Project 36.1935, "Trends in the Electronics Industry of the USSR."
Due D/I: 5 January 1959
Analyst: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

All alterations have been completed and review comments incorporated into a final draft. These are now being used to revise the original draft submissions for forwarding. A minimum amount of retyping has been necessary due to some extensive modifications in the series for industrial electronic equipment. The revised copies will be forwarded by 7 January.

- b) Project 36.2378, "Trends in the Electronics Industries of the European Satellites," Phase I, East Germany.
Due D/I: 19 January 1959
Due St/PR: 1 March 1959
Analyst: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

This project has been completed and reviewed by the Branch Chief. A few relatively minor problems exist in the format and some editorial changes in the written presentation are required. This will be completed prior to the departure of the Branch Chief [REDACTED]. The project will be forwarded to D/I on the specified due date. 25X1A6a

- c) Project 36.2065, "Trends in the Electronics Industry of Communist China."
Due D/I: 1 February 1959
Due St/PR: 1 April 1959
Analyst: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

This project has been completed, reviewed by the Branch Chief and revised by the analyst. The revised version has been quickly reviewed again to determine the remaining time required for completion. Within the limitations imposed by the information, I feel the paper as it now stands is a creditable job, and will be valuable as an RR. I think the statement of methodology employed does need some polishing still.

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This can be worked on some before I go [REDACTED] but it will require completion the last week in January. There is no indication that the paper cannot be forwarded by 1 February.

- d) Project 36.1556, "The Electron Tube Industry of the USSR."
Due D/I: 15 February 1959
Due St/PR: 15 March 1959
Analyst: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

The draft project is being revised to provide a clearer statement of methodology along lines suggested in the Division review.

- e) Project 36.2377, "The Production and Utilization of Semi-Conductor Elements in the USSR."
Due D/I: 15 February 1959
Due St/PR: 15 April 1959
Analyst: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

No additional work has been reviewed by the Branch Chief since the Project Status Report to D/I, dated 17 December. A fairly blunt discussion was had with the analyst on the imperatives of getting the project completed by 15 February for D/I.

- f) Project 36.2396, "The Impact of Guided Missile Requirements on the Soviet Electronics Industry."
Due D/I: Open
Analyst: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

25X1A9a Work on this project during December was confined to discussions with D/I and I/GM on the terms of reference, and in drawing up a project outline for a proposed external research contract. The latter has been completed by [REDACTED] and is being forwarded for Division re-25X1A9a view today. [REDACTED] is also making arrangements to meet with industry representatives through [REDACTED]

2. Status of Support Projects:

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The Branch contributions to the Soviet NIS on electric batteries and wire and cable were completed during December for [REDACTED] I/PE. 25X1A9a

The Branch review of the Signal Corps contribution to the Soviet NIS has been made and one meeting has been held with the USASIA and ACSI representatives. The writer of the contribution (USASIA) has been unable to make any revisions due to his absence from work over the holidays.

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Arrangements have now been made for further consultation between the writer and [REDACTED] on 14 January. This Branch will attempt to have this date pushed up a week if possible.

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The Branch ORRGII for East Germany was forwarded during December. The draft has been released to St/I by O/Ch/E.

[REDACTED] submitted his report of the US/USSR exchange visit on electronic production techniques. A favorable comment by OSI was received.

3. Changes in Estimates:

Except for those changes incorporated in the revised draft of 36.1935, no estimates have been changed during December.

4. Relationship With Other Components:

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[REDACTED]
Gray, Deputy Chief, ED/OSI, was informed that no further action by ORR was contemplated, and that the conference schedule as previously drawn up would still be adhered to.

5. Future Plans:

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